



City of Arlington

Neighborhood Academy

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The purpose of the memorandum of understanding is to outline the roles and responsibilities of all academy participants and the City of Arlington.

Arlington's Strong Neighborhood Initiative (ASNI) relies on strategic alliances and partnerships that capitalize on the influences of collaborative efforts. Emphasis of the initiative focuses on mobilizing citizens for dialogue, deliberations, and collaborative problem solving. The goal of Arlington's Strong Neighborhood Initiative is to reinvigorate Arlington's neighborhoods and ensure sustainability by leveraging resources, increasing citizen participation and encouraging community stakeholder collaborations.

Academy Purpose:

The purpose of the Neighborhood Academy is to provide educational, training and skill building opportunities for neighborhood and community stakeholders on city government, collaborative efforts, community building, and civic engagement.

Academy participants are responsible for:

- Attending 4 week/8hour in-class lecture course. *All classes are held 6:00 p.m. Thursdays, City Council Briefing Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall.* Completing a series exercises and homework assignments;
- Completion of 4 week out of class service project. *Service Project scheduling is the sole responsibility of academy participants. All service projects should be completed or determined by the 8th week deadline date as outlined depending on academy tract (basic, leadership, & youth). In the case where service project may require additional time, the final completion date for all service projects for each tract (basic, leadership, & youth) is Thursday, May 3, 2007. Participants must complete in class course work and service project to be recognized officially as a graduate of the Neighborhood Academy on Thursday June 7, 2007.*

City of Arlington is responsible for:

- Coordination of all 4 week/8hour in-class lecture course;
- Coordination of content, speakers, departmental presentations, photocopying and distribution of course materials;
- Providing reasonable city services, and support participants need to successfully complete service project.

By signing this, I am acknowledging that I have read, understand, and comply with the civic obligations that come with my participation in City of Arlington's Neighborhood Academy. I accept that by failing to meet the terms of this agreement, I may not be able to be recognized as an academy graduate.

Neighborhood Academy Participant (Print your Name)

Date

Neighborhood Academy Participant (Sign your Name)

Date

City of Arlington Neighborhood Coordinator

Date

February 8, 2007